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Hongkong, 31st May, 1898.

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This Austrian Tonic Wine is a highly concentrated, strength-giving food; has no
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DEWAR'S "IMPERIAL INSTITUTE" 1 doz. bottle.

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1898.

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TERMS VERY MODERATE.

Consultation free.

Hongkong, 17th September, 1897.

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JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS.

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

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and

34, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1898.

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THE GRILL ROOM.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1897.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

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MESSRS. HUGHES and HOUGH have
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to Sell by
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ON

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Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH,

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Vendor's Solicitors,

35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1898.

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For Forms of Proposal and every information,

Apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896.

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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above

Company are prepared to accept First

Class FIRE and MARINE RISKS at

CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

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GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,

(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$813,333-33

Today's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 535, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the PARLOR, HALL, Zealand Street, TONIGHT, the 1st instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 1st June, 1898. [688]

SHORTHAND.

LESSONS can be given to Shorthand at moderate fee. Apply to "PHONOGRAPHER," c/o This Office. Hongkong, 1st June, 1898. [707]

EXTENSIVE REDUCTIONS.

H. RUTTONJEE.

BEGS to inform his patrons and the public generally that he has made Extraordinary Reductions in the prices of all his fine and well selected stock of Groceries, wines and spirits. The new price lists are now to be had at No. 13, D'Arville Street and at the Kowloon Branch—Elgin Road. The rates will undoubtedly be found to have been so adjusted as to appreciably meet the times. A trial will speak for itself. Hongkong, 1st June, 1898. [708]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship

"ULYSSES."

Captain Brown, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 3rd instant, at Noon. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 1st June, 1898. [682]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA."

Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 3rd instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 1st June, 1898. [709]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. THE Company's Steamship

"TAIWAN."

Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 3rd instant, at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 1st June 1898. [693]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship

"PYRRHUS."

Captain Ball, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 11th instant. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 1st June, 1898. [706]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BRAEMAR."

FROM PORTLAND, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ AND MOJÍ.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signatures and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 1st June, 1898. [1514]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BOMBAY."

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that the Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivered as it is obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. This vessel brings on Cargo—From Zanzibar 22 S.S. Kikwa. Goods not cleared by the 7th instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be affected by me in any case whatever. All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized. H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, 1st June, 1898. [1515]

NOW READY.

A PAMPHLET containing the Series of Articles by the Telegraph's Special Correspondent entitled "HINDRANCES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE IN KWANGTUNG AND KWANGSI."

ALSO The new TRANSIT PASS RULES, providing for the sale of goods to inland markets.

PRICE, 50 CENTS PER COPY.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE, No. 4, Pedder's Hill. Hongkong, 15th March, 1898.

Intimations.

DARIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG. AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

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DARIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a daily qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures. Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and all Large Commis. Complaints should be addressed to the Manager. Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

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SANITARY FLUID.

DISINFECTANT, GERMICIDE,

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NON-POISONOUS,

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DOES NOT STAIN,

OPINION OF A LEADING EXPERT.

'NESTOR' FLUID is a powerful Disinfectant and Germicide, and is a Deodoriser of the highest order.

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5 gallon drum \$10.00

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The best natural Astringent Water bottled at Buda Pest under the direct supervision of the Royal Hungarian Chemical Institute.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD., THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1847. Hongkong, 15th May, 1898. [7]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The special telegram from our Shanghai correspondent, which we published last night, announcing that the British flag had been hoisted at Wei-hai-wei on the Queen's birthday, will have come as a surprise to all. It was understood in Hongkong that the ceremony had been fixed for the 7th June and no rumour was allowed to get out that it was to take place sooner. Yesterday we were wondering that our telegram mentioned only the *Narvik* as being at Wei-hai-wei for the ceremony, but after we had gone to press a private letter from Chefoo threw some light upon the subject and we wondered no longer.

China has once again attempted to snub Britain and has, we are glad to say, failed. It appears that Taotai Yui, to whom the duty of handing over the place to the British was intrusted, is a mandarin of inferior rank, and this fact was discovered by Admiral Seymour, who, seeing that a snub was intended, promptly outwitted the Taungli Yamen by detaching Captain KNOWALL of the *Narvik* to take over the port and refraining from sending other ships. Our Tientsin correspondent, states that the Admiral was to conduct the ceremony in the absence of Sir CLAUDE McDONALD; and that the affair was to be made as imposing as possible, but, on the contrary, as our telegram showed there was no fuss made and the new strip of territory was quietly taken over by one ship and a party of a hundred men.

Still the question remains, how is it that the affair has been rushed through so speedily and to this we are unable to make any satisfactory reply. Rumour

has been rife of late, however, and rumour is supposed to show which way the wind blows. Our Tientsin correspondent informs us that the air is full of a probable war with Russia and that the Japanese have offered us the aid of their fleet and of three hundred thousand men to check the advance of the Muscovites. True, our correspondent discredits the statement, but the rumour is there all the same. Then Mr. CHAMBERLAIN's remarkable speech points in the same direction, and even though he may have been carried away by the tide of popular feeling and allowed his tongue to get the better of his discretion, yet it must be remembered that he is one of the most prominent of our statesmen, and the words of such men, even when uttered lightly, carry weight.

Next Reuter informs us, that the *Blenheim*, a first class cruiser, is to bring out a new crew for the *Barfleur*, and, although apparently merely in the general order of things, it seems strange that the Admiralty should decide to send a new crew out in the height of summer, particularly after the object lesson which they received in the case of the *Undaunted*, which was supposed to have put a stop to relieving ships during the hot season.

What does it all mean? What is in the air? How is it all to end? We do not wish to create a scare, nor do we desire to appear imaginative, but still it must be admitted that the Far Eastern crisis is by no means at an end. There is trouble ahead somewhere, but of what nature, or when it is likely to become apparent, it is simply impossible to foresee.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR. LONDON, May 30th.

The Navy department at Washington has received a telegram from Admiral Schley confirming the presence of the Spanish fleet at Santiago de Cuba. Admiral Schley's squadron is now blockading them. It is stated that Admiral Sampson's squadron has returned to Key West and is preparing for a descent upon Havana.

THE PLAGUE.

During the 24 hours up to noon, 1st June, 12 new cases and 4 deaths from plague were reported, making the total since 1st January (152 days) 1,225 cases and 1,078 deaths.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Plover* left Singapore for Borneo on 25th ult.

A MEETING of the Sanitary Board will be held at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow.

FOR neglecting to keep a latrine clean a Chinaman was to-day fined \$25.

H.M.S. *Rainbow* arrived at Colombo on May 19th, and sailed for home on the 21st.

FOR stealing a shop cooler's trousers another cooler was to-day sent to goal for fourteen days.

An interclub water-polo game of the Victoria Recreation Club will be played to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

A SAMPAH master who refused a fare from P.C. Garrod when in pursuit of an offender was to-day fined \$5 or fourteen days.

A CHINESE hawk, charged with gambling on board the steamer *Brindley*, was to-day fined \$3 or fourteen days' hard labour.

FOR having wrongful weights and measures in his possession a shipchandler was prosecuted by Inspector Duncan to-day and fined \$10.

A CHINAMAN who failed to provide proper latrine accommodation in connection with a match at Tai-ping-shan was to-day fined \$25.

A COOLIE who admitted the theft of a brown silk jacket to Capt. Hastings to-day will wear a canvas jacket, Government pattern, for the next fourteen days.

MR. JAMES SWITENHAM, the Acting Governor of the Straits, has been made a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. This is one of the birthday honours.

THE Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Company have received the following telegram from their manager at the mines—"Rise and Shine shaft struck a good body of ore is the same as Birch of England shaft, 2000 feet, the dimensions of the ore chute are 2 feet."

An excursion to Waterfall Bay under the management of Mr. J. Edwards was made by a large party yesterday on the steamer *Plough* which was gaily decorated for the occasion. At Waterfall Bay a match was arranged with a long bamboo wharf and the provided golf-ble places for building. The excursion was a success, and the people present appreciated this new departure of Mr. Williams.

A CHINESE boatman was to-day charged by P.C. Garrod, 35 with illegally using a revolver on board a sampin a little to the westward of the Canton wharf on the 27th ult. at 10 a.m. The constable saw the defendant fire at his daughter who has been missing since. He went in chase of the sampin and found it deserted save for one woman. The water police arrested the defendant who to-day was fined \$5 or fourteen days.

FROM a private letter to hand from Chefoo we learn that the only British warship present at the taking over of Wei-hai-wei was the *Narvik*. The Admiral had intended to be present but, on discovering that a mandarin of inferior rank had been appointed to hand the place over, he decided to detail the *Narvik* for the work. Thus the Chinese obtained a Roland for their Oliver and the intended snub to the Admiral did not come off.

THE Portuguese clerk J. M. Osorio was brought up on remand at the Magistrate to-day charged with the murder of P. X. do Jesus. On the application of the police the case was further remanded till 2 p.m. to-morrow.

ON account of recent political events in the Far East, it has been decided that the Siberian railway shall be built in such a way as to permit, not only of the passage of six trains per day in each direction, with a load of 400 tons, but of a good deal more. To this end rails of heavier section than those at first resolved upon are to be laid down, and a credit of several millions of roubles is to be devoted to this purpose.

THREE charges against masters of steam launches for leaving the harbour without permission were to-day discharged by Captain Hastings. Two sampin masters were not so fortunate and were each fined \$5 or fourteen days. As regards the launches the charge against the Carmichael launch was heard first. Mr. Grist for the defence contended that the vessel had not been seen to leave the harbour and it was not proved by the police that she did so. On these grounds the whole of the cases against the launches were quashed.

FREDERICK LYALL, an ordinary seaman, on H.M.S. *Bonaventura* was to-day tried by court martial on H.M.S. *Tamar* for striking a lance corporal on board his ship. The court was composed of Capt. Conry (*Pigna*), Commander Henderson (R. N. Yard), Commander Taylor (*Tamar*), Commander Gribbin (*Pigna*) and the Hon. Lieut. Commander Hardinge (*Rattler*). Mr. V. Lawford acted as judge-advocate and Lieut. Sterling (*Bonaventura*) was the prisoner's friend. There was little if any evidence raised in defence and prisoner was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

THE Japanese Home Office has decided to adopt "vigorous measures for the suppression of the nude in art, on the grounds that it is detrimental to public morals." Truly Japan is going ahead says the *Shanghai Daily Press*. But what about the common sights in the country districts in Japan in the summer months, where "nature, unadorned and plain" appears to be the usual order of things? What visitor to the interior has not beheld the *maikos*, in the garb of Eve before fig leaves were called into requisition, disposing herself in a wooden bath tub in front of her domicile "when the evening sun is low?"

A SANITARY foreman named Francis Pereira was to-day charged with disorderly conduct in the house of Tri Yim, Tamcock No. 3. Mr. M. W. Slade appeared for the defendant. A quantity of evidence was taken and Mr. Slade urged that the charge was a made-up one, with the object of getting defendant out of the service so that he should make room for another. It had been deposed that defendant had no right at the filter bed, but Mr. Slade argued that he had a right to be there. His client had done a foolish thing but he acted in good faith. He saw something on the filter bed and asked what it was. He was told it was only the usual summer scum. He asked for a drink before going away as he was "heavily thirsty." Complacently he had no whisky but gave defendant and his friend a little samshu. They also asked complainant to move the scum off the surface of the water. Mr. Slade commented strongly on the demeanor of the principle witness in the box. He was "swallowing hard" all the time and he shifted his feet whenever he was questioned. His Worship said he had to hold the case proved and fined defendant \$10.

MANCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—At the Manchester Chamber of Commerce quarterly meeting recently the president, Mr. Barclay, said the chamber had addressed a letter to the Secretary of State of India urging that the question of the reopening of the Indian mails should be referred to a strong independent committee, and not to a departmental committee which would do as the Government desired. That chamber protested strongly against the closing of the mails, and what had since happened in India had fully confirmed the opinions then expressed by them. No tentative attempt to deal with the difficulties of the Indian Government would meet the case, and he was glad that that and other chambers had urged the Government to make this committee a really effective one. Within the last two days the Chamber had received a letter from the Shanghai branch of the China Association beseeching on events in north China. They were deeply impressed with the want of knowledge displayed in high quarters of the real and vital importance of the trade with the Gulf of Pechili. They urged also that the complete control of the railways in Manchuria by Russia would be most disastrous, Russia was a great Power, but the very extent of her empire was her weakness. British statesmen must recognize that they were dealing with a Power that played the game of bluff, and must be prepared to take their stand firmly in times of difficulty.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

The annual general meeting in connection with the Victoria Recreation Club was held yesterday afternoon in the club gymnasium. Commander W. C. H. Hastings presided, and he was supported by Messrs. R. K. Leigh, G. L. Duncan, T. H. Reid, E. Bischoff, W. H. Potts (hon. treasurer), and W. M. Chell (acting hon. secretary). There was a fair attendance.

The Chairman said they had had the report in their hands for some time, and he proposed to take the usual course and take it as read. Before giving the purport of the accounts there were a few words he had to say with reference to the new site. The existence of the club depended upon the new site being obtained. For some time they had been negotiating with the usual authorities who had been most kind. The warmest thanks of the club were due to Commander Holland for his kindness and activity on their behalf. (Hear, hear.) The Committee had finally decided to hand over all the negotiations to Mr. Leigh, who was in possession of all the details. It had been mentioned from time to time that the

profits were very considerable there. As a matter of fact they were their principal stand by, and as a matter of fact there was no place in the colony where they could get a cheaper drink. Of course they could reduce the price of the drinks. If members were prepared to come down with an annual subscription of \$25 it could be done, but not otherwise. He thought they had much better go on as they were doing, and he thought the members would be of the same opinion. (Hear, hear.) With reference to rule 15 it was not altered last year by an oversight. With reference to rule 25, the proposed alteration was mostly to put the committee on the same footing as every other club committee in the colony. The committee were elected by the members, and they could trust them to see that no members remained in the club who were not a credit to it. In reference to the new President, it was proposed to that to stand over until the arrival of Sir Henry Blake in the colony. During the year the secretaryship had been in the hands of Messrs. Fritz Lammert, Amstrong, Reid, and Macchell, to all of whom they owed their thanks. They especially owed their thanks to Mr. Macchell, who had worked them through a very successful regatta and athletic sports. It was proposed to hold the usual launch excursions when the state of the tide did not permit of bathing. He should be glad to answer any question before moving the adoption of the report. He would ask Mr. Leigh to say a few words.

Mr. Leigh said that in order to expedite matters it was decided to leave the negotiations as to the new site in his hands. They would see the following in the report signed by himself and Mr. de Souza and Mr. Amstrong as Chairmen of the Sub-Committee. "Negotiations have been carried on during the year with reference to a grant of land out of the Naval Reclamation to the V. R. C. on which new club premises could be built." Since this was written he had had a further letter which only confirmed his opinion that they would be able to bring the negotiations to a successful termination. If what was now proposed was granted, and he thought it would be, he could only say that the club would have a very fine property on which to build bath-house, club, and gymnasium, and the site would be handed over to them free of expense (applause)—by the naval authorities, so that their warmest thanks were due to them. (Hear, hear.) It still had to go home and be definitely settled by the home authorities. The Chairman moved the passing of the accounts and reports.

Mr. W. S. Bailey seconded and the proposition was carried unanimously.

Two amended rules were agreed to. Commander W. C. H. Hastings was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year on the motion of Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Leigh. Mr. W. Macchell was re-elected Hon. Secretary. The voting for the committee resulted in the election of the following:—Messrs. E. D. Sanders, M. A. A. Souza, R. K. Leigh, W. Armstrong, A. Duncan, G. A. Caldwell, G. L. Duncan, T. H. Reid, and W. S. Bailey. The following were appointed balloting committee:—Messrs. C. McD. Smart, W. A. Stopard, T. Meek, H. E. Mackenzie, G. Mollison, J. Reidie, M. McIver, A. Donald, A. P. Nobbs, F. Lammert. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

THE RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Rifle Association was held on Saturday, 28th, and Monday 30th ult. The following are the scores:—

QUEEN'S 1ST STAGE.—700 yards.

Corpl. Eddy, R.E. 33

Mr. G. H. Coles, R.N. 31

Corpl. Hilly, R.E. 31

MARTIN HENRY CARBINE.—300 yards.

A. H. Skelton 30

G. P. Lammert 29

J. Coyle 29

MARTIN HENRY CARBINE.—400 yards.

A. H. Skelton 33

D. Macdonald 33

G. P. Lammert 30

QUEEN'S 1ST STAGE.—500 yards.

E. C. Shepherd 34

G. H. Coles, R.N. 34

Sergt. Bowry, R.E. 33

QUEEN'S 2ND STAGE.—500 yards.

Corpl. Leedingham 47

Sergt. Bowry, R.E. 47

G. P. Lammert 46

QUEEN'S 1ST STAGE.—600 yards.

G. H. Coles 34

E. C. Shepherd 30

Capt. Warren, R.A. 29

G. P. Lammert 29

QUEEN'S 2ND STAGE.—600 yards.

G. P. Lammert 60

E. C. Shepherd 64

Sergt. Bowry, R.E. 64

THE WAR.

THE SPANISH ACCOUNT OF THE FIGHT OFF CAVITE. (From Ceylon papers.)

LONDON, May 2, 2 a.m. A brilliant naval battle has been fought between the Spanish and American fleets off Manila in the Philippine Islands.

The Spaniards claim the victory although they admit having sustained heavy losses.

It was a stubborn engagement at Manila. Several of the Spanish warships were disabled. The Spanish Governor of Manila telegraphs that the American warships took refuge after the engagement but had merchant ships.

The Governor of Manila telegraphs that the Americans forced an entrance into the bay of Manila to the night and at daybreak opened a strong fire on the arsenal.

The Spanish fleet assisted by the forts obliged the Americans after four hours fighting to take refuge behind the merchantmen in order to land their wounded.

The *Dona Maria* (250 tons) and the *Reina Cristina* (300 tons) were burnt and *Cadiz* her commander was killed. The *Don Juan de Austria* was blown up with much loss of life.

There is intense enthusiasm in Madrid. The Minister of Marine has informed the Cabinet of the victory and he has called his congratulations to Admiral Montojo.

The Americans renewed the engagement and completely defeated the Spaniards.

The *Ufua* (1,150 tons) and *Mindanao* suffered severely and the Spanish sank others of their ships to prevent their capture.

It is rumored in Washington that Admiral Dewey who was in command of the American fleet at Manila lost two ships and 500 men while the Spaniards lost 2,000 men.

The Spanish forts were not silenced and the Spanish claim it as a virtual victory since without a base the Americans will have great difficulty in re-occupying and refitting.

Admiral Montojo transferred his flag to the *Isle de Cuba* during the fight.

LATE LONDON TELEGRAMS.

(From Ceylon papers.) LONDON, May 15th.

The telegraph cable to St. Vincent and St. Lucia has been cut, and there is no communication between the Windward Islands and Demerara.

The latest reports state that the Spanish Squadron has reached Caracas, and is apparently avoiding Admiral Sampson's Squadron which, when last heard of, had reached Cape Haytien.

Accounts of the bombardment by Admiral Sampson's Squadron of San Juan in Puerto Rico were overdone, as last particulars show.

No further news has been received as yet of the Spanish or American Squadrons. The only news is from

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